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WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.55	5.30
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	10.03	11.18	12.48	1.59	5.24	6.19
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.58	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.33	6.28
Shum-chu...Arr.	7.49	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chu...Dep.	7.21	9.06	10.39	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.23	9.12	10.45	11.47	3.02	4.20	5.15
Fanning...Dep.	7.33	9.18	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.43	9.28	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34
Tai-po...Dep.	7.51	9.36	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	9.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51
Yau-mat...Dep.	8.13	9.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03
Kowloon...Arr.	8.20	9.58	11.37	12.41	4.08	5.16	6.11

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.23	5.30
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	—	—	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	—	—	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	—	—	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.04
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	—	—	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.08
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	—	—	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.19
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.58	9.13	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.28
Shum-chu...Arr.	7.49	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.29

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chu...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.40	6.08
Shung-shui...Dep.	8.18	10.45	11.47	3.02	4.20	5.42	6.15
Fanning...Dep.	8.28	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.51	6.24
Tai-po Market...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	6.01	6.30
Tai-po...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	6.05	6.34
Shatin...Dep.	8.41	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	6.18	6.47
Yau-mat...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	6.30	6.59
Kowloon...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	4.08	5.16	6.38	7.07

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(ORDERS BY LIEUT. COL. L. G. RICH, D.S.O.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.)

No. 216.

1.—ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Armoured Car Company on Monday, 15th March, at 5.30 p.m.

RIFLE MEETING, APRIL 4TH AND 5TH.

Entries are required for the Machine Gun Competition and other events at the above meeting.

Teams to consist of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men. Any N.C.O. who can get 2 men may enter and he will arrange his own training.

Entries to reach Headquarters by Monday, 15th March.

2.—MUSKETRY COMPANY.

Musket Course Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, 14th March, 1926.

Only those who have been specially detailed will fire.

Range Officer: 2nd-Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Headquarters on Friday, 12th March, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 8 p.m., and on Saturday, 13th March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3.—SCOTTISH COMPANY.

The Scottish Company will find the Guard of Honour on the occasion of the Investiture by H.E.H. Prince George, K.G., G.C.V.O., on Saturday, 13th March.

The Guard will be in position on the lawn opposite the North entrance to Government House by 10.40 a.m. All ranks in the Guard of Honour will wear review order dress and orders and decorations. The Commander will be Lieut. D. C. Logan, M.C.

No. 6 (Kowloon) Platoon will parade at the Dockyard on Wednesday, 17th March, at 5.30 p.m., for practice in Guard Mounting.

"Quarry Bay" Cup: Items 3 (Fire Control) and 5 (Guard Mounting) as detailed in orders of last week will be competed for at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 18th March, at 8 p.m.

Dress for Competitors as detailed for Guard of Honour.

4.—STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the Strength as follows:—

No. 1027 Pte. A. T. Braley, No. 3 Platoon, as from 5th March, 1926.

No. 1028 Pte. F. S. Gumbler, M.I. Co., as from 8th March, 1926.

No. 1029 Pte. R. A. Jardine, M.I. Co., as from 8th March, 1926.

No. 1030 Pte. B. Y. Frost, A.C. Co., as from 8th March, 3rd, 1926.

No. 1031 Pte. B. MacIntyre, A.C. Co., as from 8th March, 1926.

No. 1032 Gr. T. J. McCarr, Arty. Co., as from 8th March, 1926.

No. 1033 Pte. J. C. Lyle, No. 2 Platoon, as from 27th February, 1926.

5.—APPOINTMENT.

The following is extracted from the *Hongkong Government Gazette*, dated 6th March, 1926:

"H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Company-Sergeant-Major Henry Charles Macnamara, to be Second-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 3rd March, 1926."

6.—REVERSION.

No. 454 Corp. V. H. C. Jarrett, Engineer Co., is permitted to revert to the rank of Sapper at his own request, as from 8th March, 1926.

7.—TRANSFER.

No. 454 Spr. V. H. C. Jarrett, Engineer Co., is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Co., as from 8th March, 1926.

8.—LEAVE.

No. 423 Sgt. G. T. Padgett, Engineer Co., is granted 1 month's leave from 1st April, 1926 to 31st October, 1926.

No. 525 Spr. C. P. Bond, Engineer Co., is granted 10 months' leave, from 20th March, 1926, to 19th December, 1926.

No. 1002 Bugler C. R. Warren, No. 2 Platoon is granted 10 months' leave, from 1st March, 1926, to 31st December, 1926.

No. 789 Pte. E. A. Harlow, Armoured Car Co., is granted 12 months' leave from 1st April 1926, to 31st March, 1927.

9.—RESIGNATIONS.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 823 Pte. J. Miller, A.C. Co., as from 8th February, 1926.

No. 391 Piper A. Ferguson, No. 5 Platoon, as from 25th February, 1926.

10.—STRUCK OFF.

The following are struck off the strength, as from 28th February, 1926:—

No. 364 Pte. B. Stock, Mounted Infantry Co.

No. 855 Spr. A. H. Smart, Engineer Co.

No. 380 Spr. B. J. O'Sara, Engineer Co.

L. D. JOLL, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1926.

ARTESIAN WELL DRILLING IN CHINA.

It may not be generally known that the free falling or percussion method of drilling wells originated in China probably thousands of years ago, says Mr. E. Forbes Bothwell, F.R.I.B.A., in the *Shanghai Sunday Times*. The Chinese, however, did not develop the idea beyond the crude bamboo structures that may be seen in and around Shanghai, nor was any advance made by them in the art of drilling wells in difficult formations such as quicksand, and other unconsolidated strata encountered in many places throughout China.

The Chinese drilling rig consists of a wooden wheel supported upon a bamboo framework, a bundle of bamboo poles fastened together in the form of an archer's bow, the bowstring being made of rope. The tools are very crude even to-day. A piece of iron or steel rod is fashioned into a cutting tool with an eye at the opposite end for attaching the flat strips of bamboo which are used to make the drilling cable. These strips of bamboo are fastened together by means of two iron clips to each joint. When it is necessary to lower or raise the cutting tool the upper end of the bamboo is made fast to the wooden wheel and a coolie enters the wheel and cranks the cable up or down as the case may be, treadmill fashion.

Drilling is effected by attaching the end of the bamboo "cable" to the bowstring and pulling downward on the cable, thus striking a blow on the bottom of the well. The rebound of the bow raises the tool and in this fashion drilling is effected, the workman turning the bamboo cable a little at each stroke in order to make the hole cylindrical. When it becomes necessary to remove the cuttings from the well the cutting tool is removed and a bailer or sand bucket is attached to the cable and lowered into the well by the treadmill.

On reaching the bottom the bucket is lifted up and down a few times to fill it with the cuttings. When this is done the bucket is tramped laboriously to the surface and the cuttings removed. As drilling proceeds a pipe is lowered into the well until the skin friction prevents it being driven any farther. A size smaller pipe is then inserted inside the first pipe and pushed deeper down until water is reached. In many cases the well is abandoned and a new hole commenced.

The native method of telescoping pipe in a well is responsible for the contamination which in most cases exists in wells drilled by these methods. The surface or upper strata waters enter the pipe at these joints with the result that the usable water, if any, is rendered unfit for domestic purposes.

In marked contrast to the primitive Chinese rig are the several types of drilling machinery now in use throughout the world. Those most widely used in drilling for oil and water are the standard or cable tool method and the rotary or hydraulic method. Both these methods are capable of drilling to great depths when in the hands of trained drillers.

The standard tool method was developed in the United States where Colonel Drake drilled the first oil well at Titusville, Penn., in the year 1859. From that time to the present day the art of drilling has made tremendous strides, both in respect to technique and improved methods. The numerous oil fields that have been developed in America are responsible for the present high state of efficiency of both the standard and rotary drilling methods. Each field presented unusual difficulties which were overcome with improved machinery and drilling methods. The result to-day is that wells are being drilled to depths that were impossible for the old type of drilling rig.

In many branches of engineering it is not necessary for the engineer to become an artisan in order intelligently to direct operations, but drilling demands it. It is necessary to work with an experienced driller to acquire the feel that only comes with long practice. This will be appreciated in view of the heavy financial responsibility that rests (Continued on next column.)

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on a driller's shoulders, as a lack of knowledge may mean the loss of a valuable tool and probably the loss of the well.

The China Deep Well Boring Company, Ltd., have in operation two modern drilling outfits, a standard portable machine, and an oil well rotary rig, the latter outfit being in operation at Rubicon Road, where a deep well is being drilled for the Shanghai Waterworks Company. The well has now reached a depth of 760 feet and it is the intention of the company to have the boring carried to about 1,200 feet.

Under the direct supervision of their Australian expert, Mr. P. F. Eardley, the China Deep Well Boring Co., Ltd., recently drilled a well with their rotary outfit in Tientsin for the British Municipal Council. Waterworks, and were successful in producing a satisfactory flow of water from a six-inch diameter bore hole. The results obtained in this well demonstrates very clearly the advantage of using modern drilling machinery operated by experts as against the native methods. A well 12 inches in diameter was drilled by native methods at the Tientsin B.M.C. Waterworks previous to the six-inch well being drilled by the China Deep Well Boring Company, Ltd., and it proved a failure on being tested, owing to large quantities of sand entering the well. Finally the well was abandoned.

The question of sand entering a well is a rather serious one, apart from the fact that it ultimately ruins the well as a source of water supply. To pump or flush large quantities of sand from a well in close proximity to heavy buildings is a decidedly risky proceeding and may cause serious subsidence of the foundation. With modern machinery and experienced operators this risk is entirely eliminated.

The risks associated with well drilling would fill a fair-sized volume. The matter of a boring tool becoming detached from the cable or drill stem often taxes the resources of the driller to the utmost, and although there are numerous standard fishing tools available it is often necessary for the driller to lower an impression block on the lost tool to ascertain its exact shape and position in the well. From the impression thus obtained a special instrument is made to grip the lost tool. Very often a fishing job occupies several weeks, and in some cases it is impossible to remove the broken tool, in which event the well is abandoned at a heavy financial loss.

ENCOURAGING PARENTHOOD. FRENCH FIRM'S EXPERIMENT.

An important contribution to the study of the birth-rate problem, which so gravely concerns France just now, is made in *L'Avenir* by M. André Michelin, partner in the well-known manufacturing firm. M. Michelin tackled the problem from the standpoint of a workman who had to rely solely on his wages. His pay proved ample for one person, quite comfortable for two, sufficient for three, if economically spent, but for four it was difficult to make ends meet, for five hardly possible, and for six it amounted to hardship. M. Michelin and his brother therefore decided to encourage large families by making an extra allowance of 75¢ a month to workmen with one child, 150¢ for two children, 300¢ for three children, and so on, 100¢ a month being allowed for each additional child in a family. Further, to relieve the workman's mind of economic fears, it was provided that these allowances should be continued to children up to the age of 18 years if the breadwinner died in the meantime.

The results are strikingly shown in the birth-rate for 1924 among Michelin workmen and other families, for the rate is as much as four and in some cases five times as high among Michelin workmen as among their neighbours. Arguing from this experiment, M. Michelin says that, if employers throughout France could be induced to adopt this or some similar scheme for helping parents to make ends meet, the depopulation problem would be effectively solved.

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COMPANY MEETING.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of a previous meeting held on February 22nd, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution an extraordinary resolution passed at the above mentioned meeting.

There were present:—Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman), Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Directors), Mr. M. H. Turner (Solicitor of the Company), Mr. F. H. Crappell (Acting Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. W. Smith, E. Sadick, J. T. Bagram, J. P. Braga, C. M. Mannors, D. C. Logan, C. E. Logan, and C. F. Lee.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The business of this meeting is to confirm, if thought fit, as a special resolution, the extraordinary resolution which was passed on February 22nd, reading as follows:—

"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

That resolution, as you will remember, concerned the Articles of Association of the Company which it is considered should be revised and a new set of Articles of Association, established, and at the before-mentioned meeting I briefly explained the necessity for this. I do not, therefore, consider it necessary to deal further therewith. I now beg to propose the confirmation of this extraordinary resolution as a special resolution.

The Hon. Sir PAUL CHATER seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, Gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

COMPANY REPORT.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., is in receipt of a cablegram from its Head Office to the effect that at the 92nd half-yearly meeting of the shareholders held at the Head Office of the Bank at Yokohama on the 10th inst. the report presented showed a net profit of Y.14,505,990.91, including Y.5,569,023.43 carried over from last account. It was resolved to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. p.a. (absorbing Y.6,000,000) for the half year ended the 31st December, 1925, to add to the reserve fund Y.3,000,000 and to carry forward Y.5,505,990.91 to the next account.

SINGAPORE RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

TWO INTERIM DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. received a cable from Singapore yesterday advising that Rubber is now quoted at 90¢ cents per lb., and stating that the Alor Gajah Rubber Estate, Ltd., and Pajam Ltd., have declared a 10 per cent. interim dividend. They also received the following quotations by cable:—

	Strait
Allenby	\$3.20
Alor Gajah	2.50
Ayer Molek	2.50
Ayer Panas	12.50
Balgownie	4.50
Bassett	1.40
Brogas	1.70
Bukit Jelutong	1.10
Bukit Katil	1.20
Changkat Serdang	8.00
Connemara	2.65
Glenneliff	2.35
Indragiri	9.25
Jerams	1.05
Jedah	2.20
Kedah	3.90
Kempas	8.50
Kuala Sidim	4.00
Lunas	17.50
Malaka Pindas	2.80
Malakoff	4.25
Mandai Tekong	0.85
Mayfield	13.50
New Serendah	4.25
Nyalas	13.00
Pajam	13.00
Punggors	1.30
Sandycrofts	4.25
Scudals	2.75
Sungei Bagans	23.00
Tambak	1.30
United Malacca	2.65
Utam Simpans	4.25
Un Benuts	0.80

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	March 11th, 1926.
Hongkong Bank	\$1,040 buy.
Do. London	\$128 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$214 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & S.	\$230 buy.
Do.	\$213 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$22 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$77 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$500 buy.
China Underwriters	\$12 nom.
North China Insurance	\$14 nom.
Union Insurance	\$390 buy, & sa.
Yangtze Insurance	\$44 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$165 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$345 buy, & sa.
Douglases	\$30 nom.
H.K. & M. Steamships	\$33 buy.
Steamships	\$21 buy, & sa.
Indo-China (Fr.)	\$38 nom.
Do. (Def.)	\$40 nom.
Shall Transport	\$0/3 buy.
Star Lines	\$4 buy.
Waterboats	\$15 buy.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugars	\$27 buy.
Malacca Sugars	\$39 nom.
Kongat	\$13 nom.
Kwai Ming & Co.	\$11 buy.
Langkai (combined)	\$12 buy.
Do. (single)	\$11 buy.
Shanghai Explorations	\$5 sel.
Shanghai Loans	\$12 nom.
Rails	\$5 buy.
Transit Mins	\$5/ buy.
Ural Caspian	\$/ nom.
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$131 buy, & sa.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$61 buy, & sa.
Ray	\$148 buy.
New King's Buildings	\$15 buy.
Shanghai Dock	\$24 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$10 buy, 10/10/10 sa.
Hongkong Lands	\$84 buy.
Hongkong Realty (ap.)	\$5 buy.
H.K. Territorial (fp.)	\$2 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$14 buy.
Prince's Buildings	\$120 sel.
Rural Lands	\$7 nom.
Two Cottons	\$12 buy.
Oriental	\$3 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$15 buy.
Do. (new)	\$28 buy.
Amusements	\$11 buy.
Canton Ins	\$74 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$16 buy.
Do. (old)	\$12 buy.
Do. (new)	\$3 buy.
China Buses	\$10 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$21 buy, & sa.
Do. (old)	\$15 buy, & sa.
Do. (new)	\$15 buy.
China Providents	\$34 buy.
Constructions	\$3 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$19 buy.
Der A Wing (fp.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$61 buy, 61/2 sa.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	\$25 sel.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	\$34 sel.
Do. (old)	\$12 nom.
Do. (new)	\$12 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$24.80 buy, 25 sa.
Lane Crawford	\$11 nom.
Mackintosh	\$21 nom.
Peak Tram (old)	\$104 buy.
Do. (new) (cp.)	\$7 buy.
Sincere	\$11 sel.
Taxis	\$4 sel.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$11 sel.
Do. (new)	\$1 sel.
Yim Pwells	\$10 nom.
Telephones	\$32 buy.
Singapore Tractions	\$34 sel.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom.—nominal.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

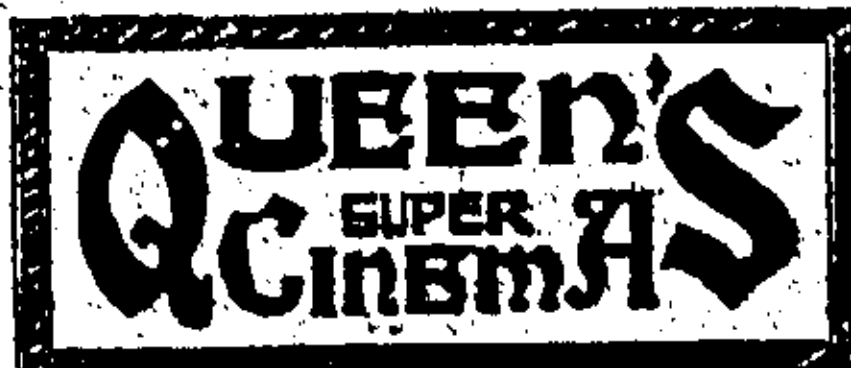
	Today's exchange rates are as follow:
Paris	132.5
Brussels	107
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.73
Vienna	34.5
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	24
Buenos Aires	454
Shanghai	3/04
Yokohama	1/104
Forward	30.7/16
New York	4.862
Geneva	28.25
Milan	121
Stockholm	19.12
Oslo	32.45
Rango	184
Madrid	34.47
Rio	74
Bombay	1/04
Hongkong	3/32
Silver (spot)	304

RUBBER EXPORT RESTRICTION.

U.S. OFFICIAL'S COMPLAINT.

According to Mr. Julius Klein, the director of the Washington Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, British officials are still restricting rubber exports, despite the action of the Colonial Office in raising the exportable percentage to 100 per cent. The director declares that to-day the producing capacity of rubber in the British Colonies is 385,000 tons a year, whereas the assessed standard production to which the percentage is applied is only 335,000 tons. According to Mr. Klein the British are holding back 13 per cent. of capacity production, or about 13,000 tons of rubber, in the next three months. With the world's stocks of rubber reduced to the present low level, Mr. Klein fears that the withholding of these 13,000 tons will constitute a serious price factor. Mr. Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, has not yet expressed his opinion, but it is presumed that his views coincide with those of Mr. Klein.

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THE TRADE OUTLOOK.

AN EXTREMELY CRITICAL YEAR.

The official forecast of the Federation of British Industries for trade conditions during the next three months strikes a note of qualified optimism, with the added prophecy of an extremely critical year. The employment charts showed a substantial improvement in world trade during the first half of 1925, but the curves for Great Britain alone failed to register an improvement. This, it is contended, was due to our return to the gold standard. Industrial material prices continued to fall during the last quarter of the year, making a total fall during 1925 of 12 per cent., but food prices rose during that three months, and the year finished at 8 per cent. only below the level at the end of 1924. Wholesale prices are now approximately adjusted to the exchange value of the £ sterling, but retail food prices show little change over the twelve months. There has been no further adjustment in our home manufacturing costs to the external value of the £, a factor which imposes a limitation in the extent to which British exporters can hope to benefit from the removal of the embargo on foreign investments.

Despite the optimistic forecasts which are being so freely made at the present time, says the federation, the possibilities of trade expansion during the year are subject to well-defined economic limitations. Until prices in gold-using countries show a marked tendency to rise "it is useless to look for an expansion of trade sufficiently large to absorb the major part of our unemployed population." During the last three years, when prices in America and other gold-using countries have shown a tendency to rise, steps to check it have been taken by the central banks, "and it is unlikely that a marked rise in prices will occur until there is a definite change in international banking policy." It is therefore probable that so far as world trade, though not British trade, is concerned, 1925 "must be regarded as being above rather than below the average level of world trade under post-war conditions. That is to say, a perceptible slowing down in the 1925 rate of expansion could occur in 1926 without giving grounds for pessimism. Since the position in Great Britain was complicated during 1925 by our return to the gold standard, it is possible that even if there were no substantial increase in world trade as a whole during 1926, the position of Great Britain relatively to other countries might be improved. The possibilities, however, though enhanced by the removal of the embargo on foreign investments, are limited by the fact that our manufacturing costs are not yet adjusted to our exchange, and, having regard to the situation created by the coal subsidy, are not likely to be so in the immediate future.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

There was another change in the programme at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, the main attraction on the bill being of quite different appeal to the picture dealing with the Klondike rush screened on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nevertheless, "Where Was I" proved to be an irresistibly attractive picture, providing a good story which combines continual amusement and entertainment. It stars Reginald Denny, a popular screen actor and is a film well worth seeing and will be shown again at today's and to-morrow's performances.

There will be a complete change of programme for Sunday, when another attractive programme, which will be advertised in due course, is promised.

BUTTON MANUFACTURE IN WUHU.

A considerable trade, the Chinese Economic Bulletin says, has recently developed in Wuhu in the manufacture of buttons from the shells of river mussels or pearl oysters in which the rivers and canals of Wuhu abound. The mussels form an important item of food to the country people, who because of their cheapness eat them in place of meat. In former years, the shells were generally regarded as useless and discarded, but since the opening of the button factories, shells have fetched fairly good market prices. Button manufacturing in Wuhu is an entirely new industry, dating back only six years. In 1922, mussel shells were sold at only 600 cash a picul, by scavengers and rag pickers who gathered them from refuse heaps. At present, a picul of shells is sold at \$2.80 (a dollar on the Wuhu market exchanges for 2,400 cash), approximately nine times the former price. This phenomenal rise in the price of the raw material speaks eloquently for the prosperity of the button manufacturing trade.

Investments, are limited by the fact that our manufacturing costs are not yet adjusted to our exchange, and, having regard to the situation created by the coal subsidy, are not likely to be so in the immediate future. So far as the outlook for the next few months is concerned, the determining factor will be the gold reserves of the Bank of England. Unless there is a substantial inflow of gold during the present quarter the recent upward trend cannot be maintained, in which case, unless the coal subsidy is continued—or some alternative method of stimulating the heavy trades substituted for it—we must look forward to an extremely critical year."

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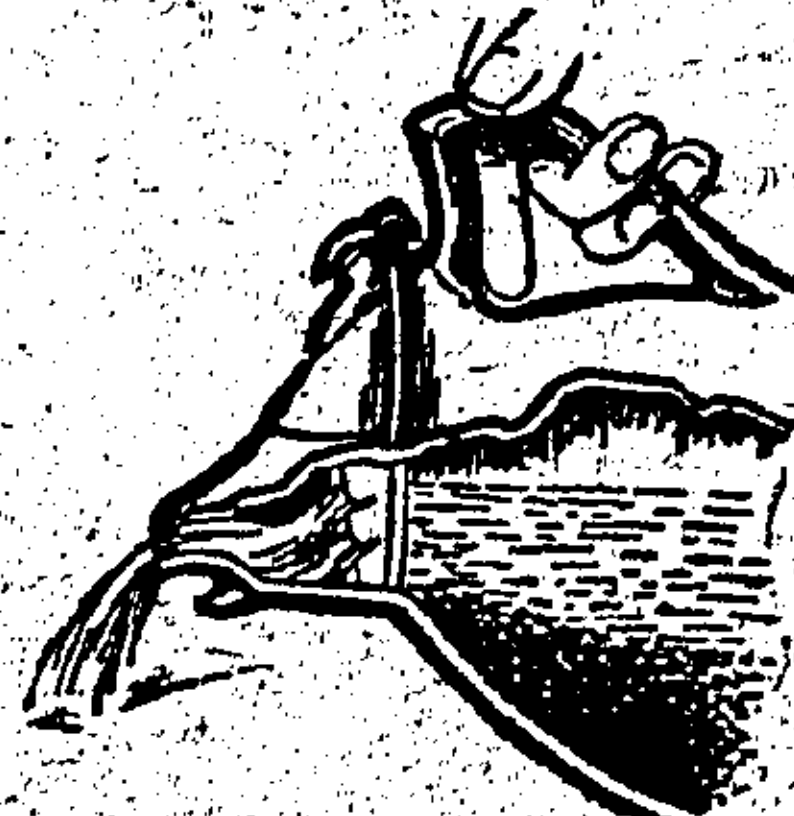
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The drill hall and grounds of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps presented a very bright scene yesterday on the occasion of the annual Flower and Vegetable Show, given under the auspices of the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

The Botanic Gardens had a fine display of fernery and begonias at the Eastern end of the drill hall, while six tables with cut flowers in vases were arranged down the centre of the room.

At the Western end of the grounds were displayed "Owl Brand" Gypsum Fertiliser, which "makes the grass grow greener" and has obtained, in addition, wonderful results locally with beans, peas, onions as was evidenced by the winning exhibits on view yesterday.

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In the centre of the Eastern shed were a wonderful display of vegetables (including white carrots) grown from seeds supplied by Sutton and Sons, Reading, England; and a brilliant display of sweet peas, grown from seeds supplied by Yates & Co., of Sydney. Both these exhibits were kindly sent by Mr. Ho Kom Tong and were not for competition.

The end stall was occupied by Brunner Mond & Co. (China) Ltd., where there were on view Crescent Fertiliser for flowers, vegetables and lawns.

The majority of the flowers and vegetables for competition or exhibition only were arranged in three long sheds and made one of the best shows given for some years.

The Judges and officials were early on the scene and had their hands full to allot the wards and check the tickets on the winning exhibits before the Show was thrown open to the general public.

The space between the sheds was utilized for tables for tea, which was supplied by Wiseman's Café.

The Band of the 1st Bn., East Surrey Regiment, was present throughout the afternoon and added much to the day's pleasure.

Those responsible for this year's successful Show are:—Mr. F. C. Hall (President), Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Siu Po Choa, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mrs. Dyer, Mr. H. Green, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. J. A. Plummer, and Mr. J. P. Robinson (Members of the Committee, with Mr. E. C. Hornell (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. A. Piercy (Hon. Treasurer), all of whom are to be congratulated on the results of their arduous efforts.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, and Lady Clementi were conducted round the show grounds by Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin early in the afternoon.

MR. HALL'S SPEECH.

Before the distribution of the prizes Mr. F. C. Hall, the President, on behalf of the Hongkong Horticultural Society, welcomed the guests. The large attendance, he said, had gladdened the hearts of the Committee as they now felt thoroughly justified in having made their decision to carry on the show, in spite of many disabilities.

That circumstances had been sorely against them was well understood by all and the Committee's heartfelt thanks were due to all who had so loyally responded to the appeal to do all possible to make the annual event the success it had been. He thought he was not exaggerating when he used the word "success," as this had been fully borne out by the splendid exhibits received—more especially those from the lower levels. Among the names to be found in this section were those of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom Tong, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Mr. Ho Choa Po Sien, all staunch adherents of the society. They would also notice that Mr. Ho Fook had again won the Challenge Cup for Open House plants.

Although there was a falling off in some respects this year had made up for it in other cases, and the all-round excellence of the exhibits could not be disputed. Those at the Peak could not hope to compete successfully with their friends below, but they contended as best they might with unfavourable winds and fog. The Peak exhibits this year could not be considered negligible especially when one saw the many beautiful flowers shown by their old stand-by Mr. T. E. Pearce, also those from the Peak Club which had been cared for by Mr. Hornell, the Hon. Secretary of the Society. He had little doubt that had normal conditions prevailed in the Colony during the previous six months they would have had a record show.

He was certain that the absence of Mr. Nicholson's usual wonderful show of roses had caused great disappointment to all as it had been one of the most attractive features of the show for many years past. He understood that Mr. Nicholson's plants had suffered sadly and that he was replacing practically the whole of them with new importations. They had again to thank Colonel Bird and the Hongkong V.D.O. for the loan of the hall and grounds and the speaker trusted that they might long be able to obtain this privilege, for there was no doubt that the Flower Show had never been so well placed as at present.

It was also necessary to record a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Hornell, Mrs. Murdoch and Mrs. Hall and to Messrs. Gibbs, Green, Plummer, Robinson, Choa Po Sien, Dowbiggin, Perry and Piercy, for their valuable assistance; and last, but by no means least, he would include the name of the Society's indefatigable secretary Mr. E. B. C. Hornell. The adjective "indefatigable" always seemed to go with the name of secretary; but in the case of Mr. Hornell it was used in no idle sense. The amount of work he got through was well known and appreciated by all who had had the privilege of working with him.

In conclusion, Mr. Hall voiced an appeal from the Committee for new blood. Old members were gradually dropping out and new ones were wanted to replace them. The Society needed, active support rather than money. He believed all present were flower lovers and although it was not possible for all to have elaborate gardens yet almost everyone grew a few pot plants and the committee would be only too willing to institute further classes for smaller exhibitors.

Through the generosity of Mr. Plummer, their past President, this year had a cup to be won in competition by amateur gardeners who had not won prizes before. This would be continued if it received sufficient support. Mr. Hall then called upon Lady Clementi to present the prize after which she was handed a bouquet in a silver holder. Cheers for Lady Clementi brought proceedings to a close.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Following is the list of winners of Prizes and Challenge Cups:—

PRIZE LIST.**PLANTS IN POTS.**

Open to All Except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Marguerites.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mrs. Choa; h.c., Kowloon Cricket Club.

Tall Nasturtiums.—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

Salvia.—1, Mrs. Choa; 2, Mr. Ho Fook; h.c., Kowloon Cricket Club.

Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding nasturtiums).—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. Ho Fook; h.c., Mr. Ho Leung.

Other annuals.—1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; h.c., Sir Paul Chater.

Arums.—1, Mrs. Choa; 2, Mr. Ho Leung; h.c., United Services Recreation Club.

Antirrhinums.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. Ho Leung; h.c., Mrs. Choa.

Begonias.—1, United Services Recreation Club; 2, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; h.c., Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Double geraniums.—1, Mr. L. Gibbs; 2, Mrs. Choa; h.c., Sir Paul Chater.

Single geraniums.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Choa; h.c., Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

Ivy-leaved geraniums.—1, Mr. Ho Fook; h.c., Mrs. Ho Kom Tong.

Pom. Pom Dahlias.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mrs. Choa; h.c., Kowloon Cricket Club.

Other dahlias.—1, Mr. Ho Fook; special, Sir Paul Chater.

Heliotrope.—1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Mr. Ho Leung.

Petunias.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. Ho Leung.

Verbenas.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mr. J. H. Taggart; h.c., Kowloon Cricket Club.

Linarias.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater; h.c., Mr. Ho Fook.

Clarkias.—1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Sir Paul Chater; h.c., Mrs. Ho Kom Tong.

Delphinium and/or Larkspur.—1, Mrs. Choa; 2, Mr. Ho Fook; h.c., United Services Recreation Club.

Freesia.—1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

Phlox Drummondii.—1, Mrs. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater; h.c., Mr. Ho Leung.

Roses.—Highly commended, Mrs. Choa; Dianthus.—1, Mr. J. H. Taggart; 2, Mr. Ho Fook; h.c., Mr. Ho Leung.

Carnations and/or Picotees.—1, Sir Paul Chater; h.c., Mrs. Ho Kom Tong.

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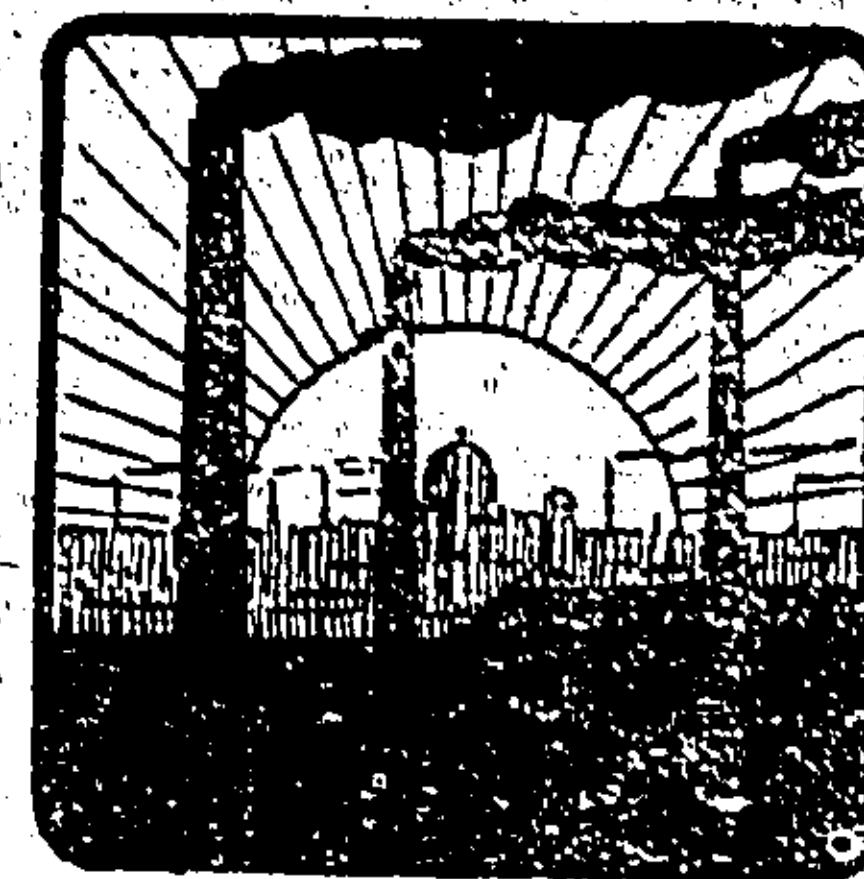
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THE BANK CASE.

MR. JENKIN ALLEGES CHANGE OF FRONT.

MR. POTTER RESENTS THE ALLEGATION.

The case in which Messrs. Moxon & Taylor are suing the Man Chuen Bank for the recovery of \$37,500 alleged to have been lent to the bank through Messrs. G. P. & H. A. Lammert, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master), appeared for Messrs. Moxon & Taylor, and the defendant bank was represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lee & Russ).

Mr. A. Nissim, of the plaintiff firm, was recalled. He was handed an extract from Messrs. Lammert's books which contained the simultaneous entry: "Sold 200 Wharves at \$189, bought 200 Wharves at \$193." Questioned with regard to the matter, witness said that meant carrying on, or a loan.

Mr. Potter remarked that His Lordship might consider it a bad way of entry.

His Lordship said that he was not criticising, but all he could say was that it was a commercial fiction.

Mr. Jenkin asked leave to reserve his cross-examination.

A CURIOUS POSITION.

On being handed a document and requested to explain it, witness said that it referred to a sum of \$39,200 lent by Lammerts to Mr. Tsang. It was to be repaid at the September Settlement.

Mr. Jenkin: The arrangement therein referred to was arranged without your knowledge?—Yes; it is the first time I have heard of it.

Do you say that you have no idea as to whether it has any reference to the transaction of June 6th?—I have no idea.

But the document indicates that this arrangement was made on July 28th?—Yes.

Witness recollected that at the July Settlement, Messrs. Moxon & Taylor extended the loan to Lammerts at \$193 per share to be paid at the September Settlement. He also agreed that on July Settlement day he went to defendants but failed to secure the money from them.

Mr. Tsang asked him to set off on the flat rate basis, but he refused to do so. A short time after the July Settlement, he again interviewed Mr. Tsang and arranged with him for an extension. The rate of interest was to be the same as the former rate. The first rate was \$4.25 per share.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that Messrs. Lammerts had agreed to pay \$193 to Moxon & Taylor, whereas Mr. Tsang had only to pay \$193 to Lammerts. About \$1,600 would be paid by the bank to Lammerts, and the latter would have to pay \$1,700 to Moxon & Taylor. He remarked that it was very curious.

Witness agreed that the original contract between Lammerts and defendants was in the name of Mr. Tsang, but he was always under the impression that Mr. Tsang was acting on behalf of the bank.

Questioned with regard to a meeting in the Official Receiver's Office, witness said that it was for the purpose of getting the bank to repay the loan.

Mr. Jenkin: The purpose of this meeting was to get Mr. Tsang to admit that the loan had been taken out in the name of the bank, since there was nothing to show on the document that it was so?—Yes.

MESSRS. LAMMERTS' DEBT TO THE BANK.

Mr. Jenkin: Messrs. Lammerts owed a sum of \$48,000 plus interest to the bank. This money had been advanced to them by the Man Chuen Bank?—Yes.

The original sum lent by the bank was \$51,500; but Lammerts had paid back \$3,000?—Yes.

When you interviewed the defendants with regard to the Wharves question, Lammerts' indebtedness to the bank was also discussed?—Yes.

On every occasion at which the repayment of the Wharves account was discussed, Lammerts' debt to the bank was also discussed?—Yes, on every occasion after the July Settlement.

Witness agreed that he had acted as sole interpreter for Mr. Tsang at the interview in the Official Receiver's Office, but denied that Tsang had mentioned Lammerts' indebtedness to the bank at that meeting.

MR. JENKIN'S BOMB-SHELL.

Mr. Potter rose and said that the questions were not relevant to the case.

Mr. Jenkin said that his case was that Lammerts were the only principals on the contract of June 6th with the Man Chuen Bank. There was no question of agency on that day. A change of front had been made at the last moment so as to place the defendants as undisclosed principals and Lammerts as being agents. When he examined Mr. Lammert with regard to what happened on October 6th and also Mr. Birkett if he went into the box, His Lordship would see that his cross-examination of witness was in no way irrelevant. Up to November 6th there was no question but that Messrs. Lammert were the principals, and as such they were trying to recover this money from the Man Chuen Bank. But sometime between November 6th and 9th, Lammerts ceased to demand the money from the bank as principals, and it was then that Moxon & Taylor claimed that they were the principals and that Lammerts were their agents in the matter.

Moxon & Taylor stepped into the shoes of Messrs. Lammert, and tried to get the money out of the bank. Then there was a complete change of front, because Moxon and Taylor could not get the money out of Messrs. Lammert, owing to their bankruptcy. It was then, and then only, that Moxon & Taylor said that Lammerts were their agents.

Mr. Potter: That's a suggestion of fraud.

Mr. Jenkin said that he had for the present restrained his language. He submitted that certain documents were found, which prevented Moxon & Taylor taking the stand that Lammerts were the agents of the Man Chuen Bank. That occasioned a further change of front. If he could establish that Moxon & Taylor and Messrs. Lammert had taken absolutely different stands at different times with regard to the alleged contract, he would ask His Lordship to disbelieve the case of the plaintiffs. He would show how ludicrous it was, if, as was stated, a meeting was held in the Official Receiver's Office when the bank was called upon to pay the money over to Moxon & Taylor, and not to Messrs. Lammert.

Mr. Potter said that all that need be established was that Messrs. Lammert negotiated a loan.

Mr. Jenkin: I am going to ask his Lordship to disbelieve Mr. Chan's evidence.

Mr. Potter replied that in that case Mr. Nissim would also have to be disbelieved. If Mr. Jenkin was correct then it was a swindle of the first count. The suggestion was that because Messrs. Moxon & Taylor could not get the money out of Lammerts, because they were bankrupt, they fraudulently turned the account against another man.

His Lordship: I am not giving an opinion. Mr. Jenkin's case is that the transaction was solely between Messrs. Lammerts and Moxon & Taylor.

Mr. Potter said that even if Messrs. Moxon & Taylor had never heard of the bank he would submit that in law they were entitled to recover from an undisclosed principal.

His Lordship: Yes; that is obvious. Mr. Potter said that he would call Mr. Birkett even if he could not say anything relevant to the case after that statement of Mr. Jenkin's.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that the question of agency was a pure afterthought. It had never been thought of by the parties, and only arose when under the stress of circumstances Lammerts' estate was not worth powder and shot.

PRINCIPALS AND BORROWERS.

At the afternoon hearing Mr. Jenkin continued his cross-examination of Chan Wing Fook.

On being referred to documents pertaining to loans secured by Messrs. Lammert from the Man Chuen Bank, witness agreed that \$25,500 borrowed in March was repayable on June 23rd, but a sum of \$13,000 had to be repaid on June 6th.

Witness denied that on June 6th when Mr. Tsang told him he was badly in need of money, that he said anything about the money which Messrs. Lammert owed to the Man Chuen Bank.

Mr. Jenkin: Your firm owed him \$13,000. Do you suggest that no mention at all was made of that?—Not a word.

Mr. Tsang did not suggest that Messrs. Lammert should pay this sum; nor did he ask for an advance on the other amount which would have been due in a fortnight's time?—No.

Mr. Jenkin repeated the question and witness again replied in the negative.

His Lordship remarked that it was a very curious transaction. They went to Messrs. Lammerts and borrowed money from them as principals, and at the same time Messrs. Lammerts were indebted to them.

Mr. Jenkin said that the money had been lent by the bank sometime previously.

Mr. Jenkin (to witness): I put it to you that such a conversation did in fact take place and you said that the money was not due, but that you would see Messrs. Lammert about it?—No.

You consulted Mr. Lammert and told Mr. Tsang that the firm would lend him the money?—No.

Was it easy to borrow money on shares at this time?—Yes, fairly easy.

You knew that Mr. Nissim had some \$50,000 which he wanted to put out on shares?—I did not.

Replying to Mr. Potter, witness said that he was authorised by the Man Chuen Bank to raise a loan. As the authorised clerk of Messrs. Lammert he could deal with brokers and clients.

(Continued in next column.)

POLICE OFFICER'S RETIREMENT.

PRESENTATION TO DIVISIONAL INSPECTOR CASHMAN.

Divisional-Inspector T. Cashman, who leaves the Colony to-morrow on the P. and O. s.s. *Kashmir* to proceed home on retirement, after completing 28 years' service in the Hongkong Police Force, was the recipient yesterday of farewell gifts from his colleagues in the Police Force. These parting gifts took the form of a silver tea-service, silver tea-tray and silver cake basket, which were inscribed: "Presented to Divisional-Inspector T. Cashman by his colleagues of the Hongkong Police Force on the occasion of his retirement, March 13th, 1926."

The presentation was made by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain-Superintendent of Police) at Police Headquarters in the presence of a number of inspectors and sub-inspectors and other police officials and colleagues of Inspector Cashman.

Among those present were Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. C. G. Perdue (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), Captain Bloxham, Mr. W. R. Scott (A.S.P.), Chief-Inspector W. Kent and Chief-Detective Inspector J. Grant.

In making the presentation, Mr. Wolfe reviewed the career in the Force of Inspector Cashman and said he had always proved a splendid, conscientious and painstaking officer.

Inspector Cashman suitably acknowledged the kind reference made to his service by the C.S.P., and thanked his colleagues for their much-appreciated and valued gifts.

On reaching home, Inspector and Mrs. Cashman with their four children, intend to settle down in Cork.

BOY SCOUT RALLY.

By kind permission of H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), a Scout Rally for the Prince of Wales's Banner Competition will be held in the grounds of Headquarters House on Saturday, 13th inst., commencing at 3 p.m.

Four Squad tests and one Troop test will be given, and points will also be awarded for good average turn out, and correctness of kit, uniform, etc. About 15 Troops will take part in the Rally.

BROKERS MUST PROFIT.

Mr. H. A. Lammert, giving evidence, said that his authorised clerk, Mr. Chan, came to him on June 6th and asked him if the firm could grant a loan to the Man Chuen Bank on the security of 200 Wharf shares. He told Chan that he could not do so, but later Chan informed him that he had arranged for a loan from Messrs. Moxon & Taylor. He had that day seen Mr. Tsang, the manager of the Man Chuen Bank, in Ice House Street. The transaction was eventually passed through his firm.

Replying to Mr. Potter, in regard to the meeting in the Official Receiver's Office, witness said that Mr. Tsang was requested to repay the loan, but asked for time. The day for repayment was fixed for November 6th when the principal and interest were to be paid back.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that his firm were the agents for the Man Chuen Bank in the transaction.

Mr. Jenkin: You brokers do not generally interest yourself in any matters except in anticipation of some profit?—No. Have you ever before acted as agents in transactions of this kind?—Perhaps.

That is to say that you have previously acted as agent in transactions which you did not stand to make a cent?—I don't understand it in this way.

If the contract of June 6th had been completed, how much profit would you have made out of it?—\$150.

Out of whom?—Out of the buyer, we get no brokerage out of brokers.

You really mean that?—Yes.

But this was a loan?—Yes.

In addition to paying you for 200 shares at \$193 they would have to pay you \$150. We could receive it or waive it. It all depends on the contract at the beginning.

This figure of \$4.25 which was the result of the arrangement made between Chan and Moxon & Taylor was profit. You had to pay that to Moxon & Taylor on behalf of the Man Chuen Bank?—Yes.

Would it be in your books that when the contract was completed you would get \$150 for brokerage?—I believe so.

LOSING \$100.

On being handed a memorandum witness said that it had been signed by his brother, Mr. G. P. Lammert.

Mr. Jenkin: Do you know that under this agency contract you would be a loser by completing it?—I do not know that.

Under the contract you would have to pay \$39,200 on Settlement Day, whereas you would get only \$37,500 from the Man Chuen Bank. I will wager Mr. Lammert that you never entered into such a contract before?—No.

That would entail a loss of 50 cents a share?—Yes.

I put it to you, Mr. Lammert, that there is only one explanation to this document, and that is you were not agents for the bank. A mistake was probably made by the clerk who typed it out, or Messrs. Moxon & Taylor were willing to waive something. We would not have a loss in that way, although we were very friendly with the Man Chuen Bank.

At this stage the case was adjourned.

TROUBLE IN THE NAVY AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In addition to the commanders of the gunboats *Kong Tai*, *Kong Koo*, and two others who were arrested by the Kuomintang Navy in Canton, ostensibly on charges of using Government vessels for smuggling, 13 officers and petty officers of the cruiser *Ching Shan*, the flagship of the Navy, named in honour of the late Kuomintang chief, have been taken into custody, apparently under a charge of sedition. All the 13 are non-Cantonese, being natives of Kiangsi, Hunan, and Fukien.

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SHED FOR STRIKERS WHO DID NOT COME.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Strike Committee special reception shed at Shumchun close to the Canton-Kowloon Railway erected recently to welcome the expected return of workmen from Hongkong will be shortly removed, the effort to engineer another strike in Hongkong having failed completely.

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION.

CHARGE AGAINST CANTEN MANAGER WITHDRAWN.

MAGISTRATE ON EXTRAORDINARY PROCEDURE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the case in which the Chinese canteen manager of H.M.S. *Titanic*, who is employed by C. Ah Ying & Co., Ltd., of No. 25, Connaught Road, Central, was charged with having destroyed certain signed chits for goods supplied to the Warrant Officers of the ship, again came up for hearing.

Defendant was further charged with failing to enter the amounts in his account.

Mr. M. H. Turner, who appeared for the defence, said that Mr. C. A. E. Russ, who was engaged elsewhere and could not be present, had instructed him to inform His Worship that he (Mr. Russ) did not intend to go on with the case on instructions from his client. This client had given instruction to Mr. Russ to apply that the charge might be withdrawn.

His Worship asked if the police knew anything about this.

A Police Officer stated that this was the first he had heard of it.

His Worship said he was not quite certain that the case should be allowed to be withdrawn. It was most extraordinary procedure on the part of Mr. Russ.

On being asked by His Worship whether the police knew anything more about the case, the officer concerned in it replied that the case had been left entirely to the solicitors.

In reply to another question, His Worship was informed that the complainant was not present.

His Worship: Did Mr. Russ indicate any grounds as to why he wishes to drop the case?

Mr. Turner: Yes. In his opinion, he feels it would be useless for him to go on with the case as he does not think he would be able to bring the charge home and would not, even, be able to make out a *prima facie* case.

His Worship said that on the charge of making false entries in the book he considered there was a *prima facie* case.

Mr. Turner: Whether Mr. Russ knew my answer to that charge or not I do not know, but my answer would have been that the writing was not defendant's at all.

Mr. Turner added that Mr. Russ told him that he did not think it would be any use going on with the case as he did not think he could possibly secure a conviction.

His Worship: Your defence would have been, so far as these returns are concerned, that they were not made by the defendant, but by an assistant.

Mr. Turner said this was so. He could have proved that the assistant manager had disappeared and could not be found and that all receipts for money were given by the assistant manager. This man kept the books, and complainant had security for the assistant manager, but not for the manager, which went to show that the assistant manager looked after the financial side. The case for the defence would have been that the man who should really have been before the Court was not here. The defendant was a Foochow man; while the others were Cantonese. It might have been that after the assistant manager ran away they thought the manager might have had something to do with it and prevented him from running away.

Mr. Turner added that it was serious to arrest a man like defendant, when they had had so very little evidence so far which would lead to anyone swearing information.

His Worship: In view of what passed I propose to discharge the defendant. I suggest that the police report this matter to the Captain-Superintendent of Police. It is a breach of courtesy on the part of Mr. Russ.

Defendant was accordingly discharged.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1926. [3303]

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Dated the 12th day of March, 1926. [3301]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDING, on FRIDAY, 12th MARCH, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st MARCH to 12th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3331]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, S. G. GOSWAMI BUILDING, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1926, until WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers. [3223]

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, TONG & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1926. [3296]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary, on FRIDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1926. [3275]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. 2461 for 25 Shares, £4 Per Share Paid Up, Numbered 48751/48775 in this Society standing in the Joint Names of HARRY CLABURN PEARCE and JOHN HERMANN TEESDALE, both of Shanghai, Has been Declared LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and A NEW Certificate for the 25 Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3233]

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INTIMATIONS

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[3294]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DURING MY Absence from the Colony M. C. R. MOLIS will take Temporary Charge of This COMPANY'S AGENCY until Further Notice.

B. RODENFUSER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1926. [3301]

G. B. 1926-1927.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received at the R.N. HOSPITAL until 10 A.M., on the 2nd MARCH, 1926, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING Beef, Mutton, Poultry, Pork, Bacon, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other Provisions, and Necessaries for the Year ending 31st March, 1927.

Printed Forms of Tender and further Particulars can be obtained at the R.N. HOSPITAL.

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H. J. CHATER,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.
R.N. Hospital,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1926. [3299]

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 12th, 1926.

"LEST WE FORGET."

We have become accustomed to flagrant violations of international pledges by the militarists warring with each other in China, and it was almost a foregone conclusion when the latest great war in the North began that we should sooner or later hear of Peking being isolated by these military movements. It has actually come to pass this week that the railway service between Tientsin and the Capital has been interrupted, and mines have been laid at the mouth in the Taku Channel, so that, as one of the cables puts it, both Peking and Tientsin were practically isolated. Apparently it was quickly impressed on the military officials at Tientsin that in blocking the passage of ships to and from Tientsin they were simply inviting foreign naval action, and the blockade was partially lifted, to the extent that ships flying special signals are allowed to pass, in the day time only. Meanwhile the Diplomatic Body addressed a very firm Note to the Chinese Government drawing its attention to the fact that this interruption of land and sea communications violates the provisions of the Protocol of 1901, demanding an immediate cessation of these acts of obstruction, and finally intimating that the Powers, reserved to themselves the right to collaborate for the protection of foreign shipping and the maintenance of free access to the port of Tientsin should the Chinese Government fail to take forthwith action to that end, in fulfilment of the provisions of the Protocol of 1901.

For the information of some of our readers it may be explained that the signing of this Protocol by China and eleven Foreign Powers was the outcome of the infamous Boxer episode when the thousands of foreigners of various nationalities, were closely besieged and had to be

defended against constant assaults for upwards of three months. It required a very large international force to relieve them, and it fortunately managed to do so just in time to avert a tragedy of unexampled magnitude, for a deep mine had been dug under a portion of the students quarters, and boxes were in position ready to receive the powder which was intended to breach the defences, so as to admit the savage hordes to wreak inside the Legation Quarter the same blood-thirsty purposes that they had so abundantly revealed elsewhere.

The Protocol that was afterwards signed not only specified the punishments that were to be meted out, and the heavy indemnities to be paid to the various Powers (a great proportion of which the Powers have in recent years so magnanimously decided to devote to cultural purposes in China), but it expressly registered the fact that China had consented to raze the forts of Taku and those which might impede free communication between Peking and the sea. It was a safeguard against ever, again being trapped as the Legations were in the summer of 1900. Yet in this year of grace 1926 we are not only being told of the interruption of railway communication with the Capital, and of mines being laid in the Taku Channel, but also of the forts at Taku firing indiscriminately on all craft attempting to navigate the Peiho River. Whether the Government at Peking is able to exercise over the war lords the measure of authority necessary to ensure a due observance of the provisions of the Protocol in regard to these important matters remains to be seen. There are probably few people now in the Legation Quarter who passed through the terrible ordeal of 1901, but probably none who have not read the tragic history of that time. On the wall of the British Legation, as a constant reminder of those days, are carved the words "Lest We Forget," and these words were probably well in the minds of the Diplomats when they sent to the Chinese Government their strong remonstrance against the present isolation of Peking by the operations of the fighting war lords, and the very plain intimation of foreign intervention if that remonstrance remains unheeded.

THE LOCAL TELEPHONES.

WITH reference to the article published in this column in our yesterday's issue, we are informed that the Hongkong Electric Company have had a departmental automatic telephone system in use for about twelve months. It has so far given entirely satisfactory results and enables communication to be made practically instantaneously with any of the Company's sub-stations. The Telephone Company themselves have also a small private automatic service and we gather that the possibilities of extending such a service to the public have been under consideration. Probably if any steps are taken in this direction they will be taken gradually. It may be found feasible, for example, to establish an automatic system in a certain defined area as an experiment with the object of ascertaining definitely the advantages and disadvantages. The humid climate of Hongkong presents some difficulties but they are not insurmountable.

Mr. George Hogg and Mr. H. C. Resker returned to the Colony on the *Empress of Canada* yesterday.

A display of singing, dancing and recitations will be given by the pupils of the Peak School at the Peak Club on Tuesday, March 30th.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony contained one case of small-pox, one of diphtheria, and one of enteric fever—all Chinese.

A Popular Lecture will be given at the Helena May Institute on Monday, March 15th, at 8.30 p.m. by Mr. A. E. Crook. Subject: "Our Local Sea-side Plants." Open to the public.—ADV.

On Wednesday, a three-years old child came into contact with a broken electric meter on the Yuen On Wharf. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from shock.

"The Little Mimmers" (Kowloon Children's Dramatic Society) who on Wednesday evening presented a new and original setting of "Cinderella" in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, will give another performance at the Star Theatre this evening at nine o'clock.

It has been decided to hold the All-China Athletic Meet at Canton this year.

A mongrel dog bit Albert Mathis, a small Portuguese boy, residing at No. 28, Davies Street, on Wednesday. The boy was taken to hospital and the dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

An unusual sight was witnessed by passengers on the Kowloon Ferry about five o'clock on Wednesday evening, when two large schools of porpoises were seen sporting in the water just off H.M.S. *Durban*.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. Buxton, of Knutsford Hotel, that while riding his motor-cycle near Knutsford Terrace on Tuesday evening, he was attacked and bitten by a dog belonging to Capt. Finn Malm.

A farewell dinner and concert is to be given at the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 18th, to Capt. Ross, Lieut. Adams and Lieut. Morrison, of the Scottish Co., who are going home on leave.

The Water Authority notices that on and after Monday the supply of water by means of house services to houses connected with the rider mains will be discontinued until further notice, and a supply of water will be given by street fountains in the rider main districts.

On a charge of having dutiable liquors on their premises, the Pookmull Silk Stores were fined \$100 at the Central Magistracy on Wednesday, on a statement being made by a revenue man that these liquors were imported in a case received from the Saigon branch of the store.

During a raid by revenue officers on the first floor, of No. 64, First Street, on Wednesday night a Chinese fell from the verandah, when attempting to escape. He received head injuries and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. He is not however, considered to be seriously hurt.

A Chinese, named Kwok Kwai, who has been employed as "boy" to a boatman on the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, which arrived from the North yesterday, was arrested yesterday afternoon for the theft of a tablecloth and other small articles. He will appear at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

From two sailing boats which were left in the Kowloon Naval Camber were stolen the total value of \$170 have been stolen this week. The yachts were the *Vanda* and *Spruit*, belonging to Commander Birling, H.M.S. *Vindictive*, and Mr. Marsh of the Naval Yard. From the first boat sails valued at \$150 were taken and from the other sails valued at \$40.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Edmond Douzak, a young German seaman, on the m.s. *Fulda*, was charged with being a stowaway. Defendant admitted that he was a stowaway on the vessel from Shanghai, and said that after he deserted from the s.s. *Ermland*, at Tsingtau, he was helped by friends with a passage to Shanghai. There his friends left him, and not wishing to be left behind he stowed away on Hongkong. Defendant was sentenced to four weeks imprisonment.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* brought two home mails yesterday, one from London and Canada and one from the United Kingdom and Siberia. By the former route there were 23 bags, and by the latter route 14 bags. The total mail landed comprised 36 bags, the letters and papers, apart from those from Home, being from Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai. There will be another mail from the United Kingdom and Siberia by the s.s. *Ting Sang*. To-day the s.s. *Rosandra* is due from Home and Negapatam (letters only).

Mr. T. Z. Koo, the representative of China to the Opium Conference at Geneva, and Secretary to the National Y.M.C.A. in China, and the Rev. R. O. Hall, M.A., M.C., arrived in the Colony yesterday in connection with the work they are to carry out here under the auspices of the Student Department of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Mr. Koo is to lecture in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University on a non-religious and non-political subject this evening, and on Sunday evening the Rev. R. O. Hall is to occupy the pulpit at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Mr. Arnold H. Hollingsworth, Assistant-Director of Public Works is retiring very shortly on pension. Mr. Hollingsworth has spent just on thirty years in the Public Works Department of the Colony and has worked his way up in the service having joined the service as assistant engineer in December, 1896. For a few months in 1920 Mr. Hollingsworth was Acting Director of Public Works, having previously acted as First Assistant Director. His substantive appointment as Assistant Director dates from January, 1921. Mr. Mrs. and Miss Hollingsworth are booked to leave the Colony for Home on the P. & O. *Morea* on April 8th.

There was a large attendance at the musical given at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. Mr. A. Bowes-Smith gave a brilliant interpretation of Chopin's "Ballade in G minor," and Mrs. Bowes-Smith gave delightful renderings of Beethoven's "Hindoo Song" and Bizet's "Pastorale." Mr. Edwin Gardner with his characteristic ability was never heard to better advantage than in Frederic Clay's "I'll sing These Songs of Araby." He also sang Maude Valerio White's "To Mary." Mr. R. A. Green gave two items, Monk Goid's "The Golden Vanite," and Sanderson's "Reuben Ranzo." Mrs. F. C. Hall gave a recitation.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

COAL COMMISSION.

OPPOSITION TO QUESTION OF NATIONALISATION.

RUGBY, March 10th.

The long-awaited report of the Royal Commission on the coal industry has now been issued for publication.

The Commissioners consider that the present difficult position of the coal industry is the result of powerful economic forces and cannot be attributed either to political unrest or to restriction of output among the miners, or to inefficiency in the management of the mines. At the same time, they cannot agree with the view presented by the mine owners, that little can be done to improve the organisation of the industry and that the only practicable course is to lengthen working hours and to lower wages.

In the view of the Commission large changes are necessary in other directions and large progress is possible. The problem is twofold, having a permanent and a temporary aspect. Taking firstly the permanent aspect, the report points out the defects of the industry resulting partly from the age of the coal fields and partly from the private and divided ownership of minerals, with its effect on the layouts of mines. Very many collieries are too small to be good production units.

NATIONALISATION.

As a remedy for these defects, the nationalisation of the mines as proposed by the Miners' Federation, is not recommended by the Commissioners, who are not satisfied that it is workable, or that the effect would be for the social gain. Indeed, they perceive in it grave economic dangers.

Accordingly, they contemplate the continuance of the industry under private enterprise and make a number of proposals for its reorganisation. Firstly, the Commissioners propose, firstly, that minerals should be acquired by the State—by purchase when it has a market value and by a declaration of State ownership in the case of unproved coal or coal at deep levels which has now no market value. A Coal Commission should be appointed, under the authority of Secretary for Mines, to acquire and administer this mineral property.

Secondly, the amalgamation of many of the present small units of production is both desirable and practicable. This may often be effected from within, but in many cases it will only take place if outside assistance is given. The State, as mineral owner, will be able to give such assistance in promoting desirable amalgamations when granting new leases or renewing old ones.

NATIONAL FUEL AND POWER COMMITTEE.

Thirdly, it is recommended that closer connection be promoted between mining and the allied industries. The development of electrical supply under the new proposals of the Government should be closely co-ordinated with the generation of electricity at the mines. The Heat, Power, and Light requirements of the country should be under the constant and comprehensive survey of a body formed for that purpose. Such a body might take the form of a National Fuel and Power Committee, composed of representatives nominated by the Government from among the official and other bodies concerned.

Fourthly, research should be largely extended by the coal industry, with the financial support of the State. It is urgently necessary that new methods for winning and utilising coal be sought if the prosperity of the industry is to be restored and the standard of wages and working conditions is to be assured. If processes of low temperature carbonisation were perfected, great national advantages would ensue, particularly through the production of smokeless fuel for domestic and industrial use and the provision of large supplies of mineral oil from the country's own resources.

Fifthly, the Commissioners consider that large financial advantages might be gained by better selling organisations and methods of transport. They recommend the formation of co-operative selling agencies, which are specially needed in the export trade, and the establishment of an official system for the sampling and analysis of coal, with a view to encouraging selling on specification and guarantee, in both home and foreign markets.

A Standing Joint Committee of the Ministry of Transport and the Mines Department should be formed to promote more economical transport methods. Sixthly, the relations of employers and employed are of fundamental importance. The standard length of the working day which is now on an average seven-and-a-half hours underground, should remain unaltered, but an optional re-distribution of hours within the present weekly total over a week of five days instead of six should be considered. Joint pit committees of masters and men should be established generally, and the methods of payment of men not employed at the face should be revised, where possible, in order to give them a direct interest in output. The introduction of a family allowances system is desirable and schemes for profit sharing by workmen should be generally adopted and be made obligatory by Statute.

QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

To bring any of these measures of reorganisation into effect must need a period of months, and to bring them all into full operation must take years. In the meantime the hard economic conditions of the moment remain to be faced. The Commissioners think that the subsidy should cease at the end of its authorised term and should never be repeated. While not agreeing with the coalowners' proposals, they think a revision downwards of "the minimum percentage in addition to the standard rates of wages" is indispensable. The wages of the lowest paid mine would be safeguarded by a continuance of the subsistence allowances. Should the miners prefer an extension of hours with a less reduction of wages, Parliament would not doubt authorise it. The Commissioners trust, however, that this will not occur. Though rates of wages must vary considerably in different districts the Commissioners are strongly of opinion that national wage agreements should continue as they are made in all other British industries of importance. They recommend that employers and employed should meet first nationally, and then in districts, in order to reach a settlement on the lines indicated.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LABOUR M.P.'S VIEWS.

LATER.

The excellent manner in which the members of the Coal Commission have carried out their task is everywhere recognised, and the Report is classed as being of the most authoritative character on the industry ever issued.

Several labour members in the Parliamentary Lobby, who have given early impressions, discover many good constructive points, notably the suggestion with regard to State acquisition of Royalties where coal is proved, but they are emphatic in their declaration that the miners will not hear of a proposed reduction of wages.

The weakness at which they point their finger is that the report does not provide a basis of discussion on the problem with which the industry is faced when the subsidy terminates on May 1st.

KENT COALFIELDS.

LABOUR OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Commons after a night sitting in committee stage on the Trade Facilities Bill, discussion chiefly centering on the Government proposal to guarantee £2,000,000 to the New Kent Coalfield, Labour members moved an amendment to eliminate the guarantee on the ground that 200,000 miners are already unemployed, and the guarantee would only lead to further unemployment.

A number of Conservatives, in addition to the Labour members, protested against the policy of guaranteeing unnecessary new undertakings and competitions in established industries. Mr. Thurtle instancing the guarantee in respect of the Malay Tin Dredgers, objecting to the Government going out of the way to increase the Malay output of tin when the Cornish tin industry was depressed. The amendment was rejected by 148 to 66 votes.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the House of Commons in the course of the discussion on the Trade Facilities Bill, Mr. Wallhead moved an amendment which was finally rejected by 133 to 46 that no application for a new guarantee should be rejected on the ground that the trade requiring assistance was between the United Kingdom and Russia. Mr. Wallhead challenged any firm trading with Russia to show that the Soviet had defaulted.

Mr. Kindersley, condemning Russia's repudiation of certain debts, declared: "Let Moscow withdraw the boycott of British goods in China and some good will be done." Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister denied there had been a change in British policy since 1921, and opposed the amendment. Credit built up on good faith could only be maintained by good faith.

ENGINEERING CRISIS.

HOE STRIKERS' DEFY UNION EXECUTIVES.

LONDON, March 10th.

A lively mass meeting of Messrs. Hoe's strikers rejected a recommendation of the Executives of the Unions to return to work and resolved not to resume until non-Unionists have been removed and a substantial increase in wages assured. The Executives have called a meeting to consider disciplinary action.

LOCK-OUT NOTICES DEFERRED.

LATER.

As a result of a meeting of the members of the Executives of the seven Unions concerned with the Hoe dispute and Sir Allen Smith, Chairman of the Employers' Federation, the employers have agreed to defer the operation of lock out notices until March 18th.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SUB-COMMITTEE IN FAVOUR OF GERMAN APPLICATION.

GENEVA, March 10th.

The sub-committee dealing with Germany's admission to the League has unanimously pronounced in favour of the admission, considering that Germany has fulfilled the obligations required. The report will be submitted to the full Committee to-morrow.

THE GERMAN ATTITUDE.

LATER.

Notwithstanding German newspaper reports of the changed attitude of Germany, Reuter learns that she is adamant in opposing the election of other candidates before herself.

GERMANY'S ADMISSION.

GENEVA, March 11th.

The Committee has unanimously approved of the Sub-Committee's report regarding Germany's admission to the League, and has adopted a resolution presented by Sir Austen Chamberlain to the Assembly in favour of admission.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has been appointed Rapporteur to the Assembly.

LATER.

The Sub-Committee's report has replied in the affirmative to the following four questions: Is the application of Germany in order? Is Germany recognised *de facto de jure*? Has Germany a stable Government and well defined frontiers? and is Germany fully self-governing?

With reference to question five as regards Germany's fulfilment of the armaments obligations, the Council has obtained the opinion of the Military, Naval and Air Commission, which is unanimously in the affirmative.

LONDON, March 10th.

The House of Commons applauded Mr. Stanley Baldwin who, in replying to a question whether he was able to make a statement regarding Germany's entry into the League, said: "The usual formal preliminary enquiries are progressing and I anticipate neither delay nor difficulty in connection with the matter."

APPEAL FOR PEACEFUL SPIRIT.

LONDON, March 10th.

A three-hour sitting of the Council of the League at Geneva this afternoon has given rise to a crop of rumours of which Reuter's Geneva correspondent says it is impossible to get any confirmation. A Geneva telegram progresses to describe the events of the sitting. This says the debate was most heated and that M. Unden (Sweden) pounded the table in emphasising the statement that his Government had most strictly instructed him not to accept anyone but Germany as a permanent member.

Sir Austen Chamberlain appealed for a peaceful spirit, and urged all to make a last effort. He emphasised the gravity of the situation if no solution were found.

M. Paul Boncour also most eloquently appealed for peace, but the delegates were unmoved.

The deadlock was increased by an announcement by the Brazilian delegate, Senator Mello Franco, that his Government had most strictly instructed him to vote against Germany and to retire from the League unless Brazil were also granted a permanent seat on the Council.

ANOTHER COUNCIL SESSION.

LONDON, March 10th.

The Morning Post correspondent at Geneva reports that as the outcome of Brazil's attitude, a council session will be held this afternoon conditionally on M. Briand, who is arriving at noon, signifying his approval. The object is to force all countries to a public commitment, thereby centralising responsibility.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

CAIRO, March 11th.

Alan Cobham has left Sollum for Athens.

FRENCH SITUATION.

M. BRIAND'S POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

PARIS, March 10th.

M. Briand has been nine times Premier and has formed a Cabinet in ten hours. Both these achievements are records. The complexion of the new Ministry is left but leaning slightly further to the Right than its predecessor. The inclusion of M. Lamoureux and the war-time defeatist, M. Maury assures the support of the bulk of the Radicals. It is noteworthy that M. Raoul Peret, who is no worse a tyro in finance, is a Moderate and is unlikely to propose any startling innovation.

M. Briand momentarily considers the League crisis even more urgent than Paris and returns to Switzerland to-night.

OFFENSIVE TO MUSSOLINI.

BRITISHER'S SENTENCE NOW GREATLY REDUCED.

FLORENCE, March 10th.

The Court of Appeal dealing with the case of Mr. Ellison, who was sentenced to five months' imprisonment for using offensive language about Signor Mussolini, has reduced the sentence to 21 days' imprisonment and a fine of 500 lire. Mr. Ellison is applying for the King's pardon.

ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING.

INCIDENT AT PING SHAN RECALLED.

On January 27th two adjoining houses at Lung Ku Tan village, Ping Shan district, were entered by five men, some of whom were armed with rifles and revolvers. They stole from the first house entered \$30 and from the second money to the value of \$400. At the same time they kidnapped from the first house two men who were the only people there at the time.

This incident was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, a Chinese of Lung Ku Tan village was charged with being concerned in the armed robbery and kidnapping.

The evidence showed that after committing the robbery, the perpetrators took their captives, bound and gagged, on board a sampan at Sheung Tan. The victims were kept prisoners and taken to Macao, where they were detained until the first week of February, when they were given their freedom on a ransom of \$500 being paid.

The defendant was arrested by the Macao police, and then handed over to the local police.

The defendant admitted that he was present at the time of the robbery, but said he was not responsible for stealing any money. He merely assisted to kidnap the two men, which he did as revenge for an incident which occurred in his country some years ago.

His Worship adjourned the case for further hearing.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS IN ENGLISH CUP AND SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

LONDON, March 10th.

No goals were scored in the English Cup replay between Bolton and Nottingham Forest at Bolton. Another replay will be necessary.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

DIVISION I.

Aston Villa, 2; Leicester, 2.
Manchester U., 3; Liverpool, 3.

DIVISION III (SOUTHERN).

Crystal Palace, 2; Brighton, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

In the Scottish Cup, fourth round, replay to-day, Aberdeen defeated Third Lanark by three goals to nil.

The draw for the semi-final resulted as follows:—

Aberdeen v. Celtic.
Rangers v. St. Mirren.

The ties will be played on March 20th, the Celtic at Tynecastle, Edinburgh, and the Rangers at Celtic Park, Glasgow.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Matches played to-day resulted as follows:—

St. Johnstone, 1; Cowdenbeath, 1.
Airdrieonians, 2; Motherwell, 0.
Morton, 2; Clydebank, 2.
Rangers, 1; Queen's Park, 2.

TRADE RETURNS.

IMPORTS REDUCED AND EXPORTS INCREASED.

A big fall in imports and an increase in exports is shown by the Board of Trade returns for February.

These are: Imports, 295,845,000; Exports, 289,514,000, compared with £117,839,000 and £20,380,000 respectively, in January.

CANADIAN AMALGAMATION.

MONTREAL, March 11th.

The Canada Steamship Lines have amalgamated with the Great Lakes Transportation and the George Hall Coal Shipping Corporation, involving an investment of \$12,000,000.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

AMERICAN MISHAPS.

BIG LINER DAMAGED BY FIRE.

NEW YORK, March 10th.

A message from Newport News says that fire swept the liner *America*, which was being reconducted there, from stem to stern. The damage is estimated at two million dollars.

SHIPWRECK CRASHES.

Newport News, March 10th. A further message says that the U.S. army dirigible *T.A. 3* nose dived at Hampton Roads and was damaged.

There was great excitement on the fall of the dirigible. Army officers at the aerodrome despatched another dirigible for rescue work but this was unnecessary as a Government cutter took off the crew and towed the damaged dirigible to Fort Monroe.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NORTHERN WAR.

FOREIGNERS IN CHANGSHA APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE.

HANKOW, March 9th.

It is reported that the remainder of the Kuominchun Army has been driven in to Shenchow and surrounded. It is further reported that General Yueh Wei Chun, retreating towards the west from Loyang, was entrapped and killed by a detachment of the Red Spears.

It is reported that General Chao Heng Ti has departed from Changsha for Wuchang. General Tang Sheng Chi has intimated that he will take over the Governorship.

A telegram has been received at Hankow from a foreign source requesting the despatch of a gunboat to Changsha in view of the threatening outlook.

General Kung Yuen Pin, of the Third Division of General Wu Pei Fu, was executed yesterday by General Wu's orders for endeavouring to extort money from the Manager of the Hankow Water-works.

ALLIED FORCE'S DISASTER AT PEITANG.

Yesterday's lifting of the blockade was a private arrangement between the Kailan Mining Administration and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's representatives at Taku and the Kuominchun authorities.

The only ship able to take advantage, however, was Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's *Liangchow*, as the others missed the tide by the time arrangements completed.

The O.S.E. *Kishu Maru* cleared for Dairen yesterday. It is reported that the *Techu Maru*, from Dairen, which had been waiting since morning will be allowed through the entrance this morning.

The Peitang landing proved disastrous. Of some 2,000 who landed from transports on Monday 400 were captured by the Kuominchun immediately, and the remainder have since surrendered, and Peitang is in the hands of the Kuominchun.

JAPANESE DESTROYERS FOR TAKU.

TOKYO, March 11th.

It is learned from the Foreign Office that three destroyers have been despatched from Port Arthur to Taku and are due this evening.

CHINESE LOANS.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PEKING GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, March 10th.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. W. Forrest, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that despite their public announcement on July 7th, 1924, of their intention to resume payment to meet all arrears of principal and interest on the German loans of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Loans of 1903 and 1910, and the Hukwang Railway Loan of 1911, the Chinese Government, with trifling exceptions, had failed to do so, and, also since that date, had suspended service even of the validated bonds. Representations by His Majesty's Minister at Peking on behalf of the British holders of these German issues had been without result and the Chinese Government had given no satisfactory reason for differentiating between the British and German issues. Meanwhile, the situation had changed by the recent default on two of the British issues, and His Majesty's Minister was pressing the Chinese Government to make good their default on the loans in question.

THE HUNGHOM OUTRAGE.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS DIES IN HOSPITAL.

No arrests have as yet been made in connection with the bomb outrage at Hunghom.

The injured have been identified as six workmen from the Kowloon Dock, a shop foki and a lad of seven years. One of the victims who had his leg amputated at the Kowloon Hospital, succumbed a few hours after undergoing the operation. Another victim who sustained serious injuries in both legs is in a critical condition.

At the time of the outrage, Mr. E. Munford of the China Light and Power Company, Mrs. J. W. Matthews and another Kowloon lady, and a number of school children were in the vicinity. The Police have issued a notice to the effect that a reward of \$1,000 will be paid to any person whose information leads to the seizure of a bomb.

During the fifteen interval yesterday, when the workers of the Naval Yard were leaving and returning to their work, a number of Indian constables, armed with rifles were stationed along Queen's Road.

A TALK WITH DR. C. T. WANG.

POWERS AND REVISION OF TREATIES.

TARIFF CONFERENCE.

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT WITHIN A WEEK.

PEKING, February 29th.

Treaty revision and Tariff Conference prospects were the topics touched upon by the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Dr. C. T. Wang) at the Waichiaopu's weekly reception of foreign journalists this morning.

With regard to the former subject, Dr. Wang stated that, in pursuance of the policy he outlined upon assuming office, steps are being taken with a view to revising China's treaties with Foreign Powers as their revision dates approach. "In accordance with the Note of June 24th, 1922, requesting the Powers concerned to discuss with us the revision of treaties (to which the Powers have answered that they are sympathetic, although no definite date has been set), we are," Dr. Wang went on to say, "desirous of discussing such revisions with them as soon as possible. But, just to make things quite sure, as the treaties fall due for revision we are giving notice that we desire revision."

Dr. Wang instanced the case of three commercial conventions with France which were about to become due for revision through effluxion of time and said that the Waichiaopu had already notified the French Government that China desired to revise them. In such cases six months notice is required, he explained.

Going on to talk of the Tariff Conference, Dr. Wang said: "We are still finding some difficulties in the way of a speedy conclusion. The rates are a matter causing a good deal of discussion. We hope that in certainly not more than a week this difficult question can be settled by the experts. You know that when experts meet they have lots of discussions. Well, I understand that they are now getting quite near and it is hoped that they will finish within a week. We regret very much that the thing has been delayed so long—purely from circumstances over which no particular delegation could have any control."

The Foreign Minister said he would like to correct an erroneous impression that had been circulated to the effect that the Japanese Delegation had been holding up the Conference. "I always maintain the attitude," Dr. Wang declared, "that they have their difficulties and the trip taken by Mr. Saburi to Japan necessarily took some time. I have always said that the Japanese Delegation has been very sympathetic in regard to the speedy settlement of the question. Now Mr. Saburi is back and is working hard. I think that the other Delegations are working hard too. However, I would like them to work still harder."

"Is there," asked a questioner, "any prospect that the Washington surtaxes will be agreed to by China in the near future?"

Dr. Wang replied that he did not think that, if the higher surtaxes were agreed to, the Chinese Government would object to the operation the Washington surtaxes immediately, in view of the fact that the new treaty would require some time for the deposit of ratifications and other formalities to be completed. Therefore, during the "interim of the interim period," it was only natural that such surtaxes as had been agreed upon at Washington should be made effective as soon as possible.

Answering a further query, Dr. Wang said it was his belief that all of the powers had now individually agreed to the Chinese proposal as to the amount to be raised by the surtaxes, although no collective pronouncement to this effect had yet been made.

Dr. Wang was also questioned in regard to the Anti-Christian Federation's agitation in favour of the elimination of religious instruction from mission school curricula. He said that the attitude of the Waichiaopu in the matter was quite clear. It was the duty of the Foreign Office to see that the terms of the treaties were adhered to. If there were certain things that ought to be revised it was for the Foreign Office to bring about revision but, until the treaties were revised, it was the duty of the Foreign Office to see that they were carried out. It was the duty of every honourable government to do so.

A query about reported attempts to bring about an anti-Japanese boycott drew from Dr. Wang the admission that a Note on the subject had been received from the Japanese Minister. There seemed to be more words than deeds so far but, developments were being carefully watched.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

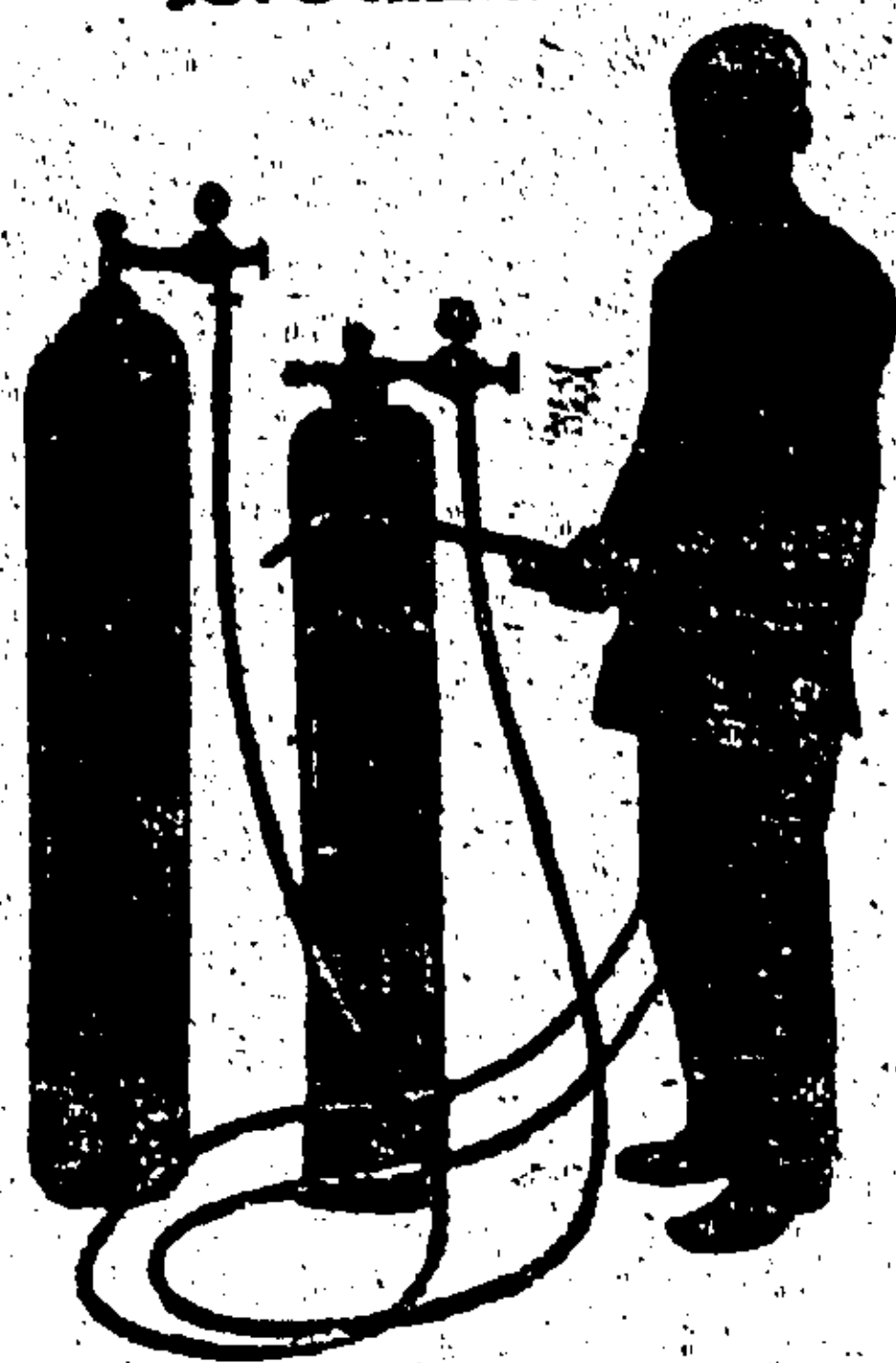
Several motor accidents figured in the police reports of yesterday.

A motor-cycle, being driven by Mr. E. Thompson, of the Hongkong Electric Co., along Queen's Road East, knocked down a Chinese near Wellington Barracks. The man received injuries to his legs and was removed to hospital.

At Queen's Road West, a small Chinese boy ran into the road from a footpath in front of a motor-car driven by Mr. R. E. Atwell, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., and was knocked down. The boy, who only received slight injuries, was able to go home after receiving treatment at the Government Civil Hospital.

A district watchman was knocked down by motor-car at Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, but did not sustain serious injuries. He was, however, taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

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SCOTTISH SPORT.

FOOTBALL, CURLING, AND
BADMINTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Edinburgh, January 30th.
The playing fields in Scotland were very
heavy, five inches of snow being cleared
off some of the Border grounds; but practically
all the engagements were carried through.
Two matches with an important bearing on the
championship were played in the East—the
Watsonians and Heriot's, and Kelso and Hawick.
In neither case was the result altogether
anticipated. The victory of the Watsonians
was frankly a surprise and the defeat of
Kelso was hardly looked for. The
Watsonian success has probably put Edinburgh
out of the championship reckoning for the season.
Had Heriot's won, and then gone on to defeat Glasgow
Academicals at Anniesland a month hence,
Edinburgh might have shared the championship.
Watsonians seem to have settled that hope.
Bad tactics were responsible for Heriot's
defeat. On a slush-covered field and with a ball
sopping wet and heavy as lead, to keep putting
out the ball to backs who found it impossible
to handle was the height of folly. Watsonians
realized this very early, and the whole team
took to using their feet in preference to their
hands. Kelso's defeat by Hawick spoils an
unbroken record in the championship table,
but the team are to be congratulated on a
really wonderful season for a club recruited
from a little Border town. The only other
outstanding result was the draw between
Edinburgh Academicals and Stewartians.

Edin. Acads., 37; Durham Univ., 0.
Watsonians, 14; Heriot's (F.P.), 3.
Edinburgh University, 18; Jedforest, 3.
Stewart's College, 6; Edin. Academicals, 6.
Edin. Wanderers, 8; West of Scotland, 0.
Melrose, 6; R.H.S. (F.P.), 0.
Kelso, 0; Hawick, 3.
Glasgow University, 5; Glasgow Academicals, 38.
Glasgow H.S. (F.P.), 53; Kelvinside Academicals, 0.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

It would appear as if the clubs occupying the higher positions on the Scottish League table were wavering, as, following upon the comparative success of lowly placed clubs the previous week, only Motherwell of the leading four clubs won their engagement. Celtic and Heart of Midlothian had the strongest opposition, and both may be said to have come reasonably well out of their journeys by effecting drawn games on opponents' grounds. The comparative security of Celtic's position, and the fact that the Scottish Cup-ties are due, probably inclined the leaders to restrain themselves and avoid risks, and on that account even the loss of four goals in one match will not be regarded as anything worse than a temporary lapse on the part of their defence. Once again results elsewhere made the loss of a point by the leaders of no significance, as Heart of Midlothian and Airdrieonians, the only serious challengers to Celtic, also encountered set-backs, so that Celtic's position was not weakened. Queen's Park had the unusual distinction of returning the highest score of the afternoon. It was a vital engagement as defeat would have practically meant extinction of hope of the Amateurs' survival in the First Division. Both Dundee teams went down; the senior club kept level with Kilmarnock till ten minutes after the close; and the United only succumbed after a grim struggle to Cowdenbeath.

Hibernians, 4; Morton, 1.
Hibernians, 4; Celtic, 4.
Rangers, 2; Heart of Midlothian, 2.
Aberdeen, 0; Falkirk, 0.
Airdrieonians, 1; Partick Thistle, 3.
Dundee United, 1; Cowdenbeath, 2.
Kilmarnock, 5; Dundee, 2.
Motherwell, 4; St. Johnstone, 1.
Queen's Park, 6; Hamilton Academicals, 2.
Raith Rovers, 3; Morton, 0.
St. Mirren, 3; Clydebank, 0.

CANADIAN CURLERS IN SCOTLAND.

By a majority of 18 shots, Scotland defeated Canada in the first of the five test matches to be played during the tour of the Canadian curlers in this country.

BADMINTON.

Ireland had a narrow win over Scotland at Badminton in Glasgow, the figures being:—Ireland, 5 matches, 11 sets, 273 points; Scotland, 4 matches, 11 sets, 271 points.

Sir George Thomas successfully competed in three finals of the open championships, a distinction shared by Mrs. Trappett. Each won the singles and doubles titles, while in partnership they won the mixed doubles. There was a change round in two of the Scottish Championships. Miss Macfarlane and E. R. Butcher getting the mixed, and the Aberdonians, Misses Macdonald and Cochrane, the ladies' doubles.

Edinburgh, February 3rd.

High scoring marked the games in which the leading Scottish Rugby clubs were engaged. Glasgow Academicals, George Heriot's F.P., Edinburgh University, and Glasgow High School F.P. all securing over 80 points. Stewart's came out better than was expected against Watsonians, and managed to draw. There was no confidence in their backs as a scoring force, but they supported their forwards sufficiently well to keep the Watsonians from developing any consistent supremacy behind the scrum. Edinburgh Academicals made a fine recovery on form and took the points at Hawick in the liveliest game that has been seen there this season.

Heriot's (F.P.), 34; Edin. Wanderers, 7.
Watsonians, 6; Stewart's College, 6.
Institution (F.P.), 11; West of Scotland, 5.
Edin. University, 35; Glasgow University, 9.
Glasgow Acads., 34; R.H.S. (F.P.), 0.
Hawick, 11; Edin. Academicals, 15.
Melrose, 8; Gala, 7.
Jedforest, 3; Selkirk, 8.
Greenock Wanderers, 5; Glasgow H.S., 12.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

Celtic improved their position as prospective champions, Hearts, Motherwell, and Falkirk, their closest rivals, all losing ground. Airdrieonians are still in the running. Rangers, after being two goals in arrears at Cowdenbeath, came away strong in the second half and won. Practically all the interest attached to the games centred in the clubs menaced with relegation; and matters ran favourably for Queen's Park. They put up an excellent fight, drawing with Partick Thistle after some thrilling passages. On the other hand St. Johnstone were beaten at home by Kilmarnock, a game that the Perth Club confidently counted upon yielding them much-needed points, and their failure is one of the most serious setbacks that has befallen them. Another low-placed club, Hibs, were also defeated, Airdrie scoring heavily. Dundee United's mid-week cup-tie re-play with Heart of Midlothian may have been a factor in their defeat at Greenock, where Morton, derisively took the maximum points. Dundee United are not immediately in the danger zone, but have no margin to rest upon, and cannot look upon the loss sustained at Greenock with equanimity. At Clydebank the bottom club just failed to hold Dundee, and from their position and in the light of the engagements yet to be met there seems little hope of Clydebank retaining their place in the Senior Division.

Hibernians, 1; Airdrieonians, 4.
Falkirk, 3; Heart of Midlothian, 3.
Celtic, 3; Motherwell, 1.
Cowdenbeath, 3; Rangers, 3.
Clydebank, 1; Dundee, 2.
Hamilton Academicals, 1; Aberdeen, 1.
Morton, 3; Dundee United, 1.
Partick Thistle, 3; Queen's Park, 3.
St. Johnstone, 0; Kilmarnock, 2.
St. Mirren, 0; Raith Rovers, 3.

(Continued on next column.)

THE "ALTAI MARU."

REFLOATED AFTER BEING OVER A
MONTH AGROUND.

After being more than a month aground in the Fau Tau Mun Pass, the Japanese s.s. *Altai Maru* has been at last successfully refloated as a result of the strenuous work of the salvagers, the Tokio Salvage Company, Limited, of Tokio.

The steamer, which it will be remembered grounded in the Fau Tau Mun Pass, while entering port in the early hours of Sunday morning, February 7th, was towed into Kowloon Bay on Wednesday night by the *Asuma Maru*, a Japanese salvage boat, which came from Japan to assist in the effort, successful as it has proved, to refloat the *Altai Maru*.

The *Altai Maru* will now enter dock for repairs, while the salvagers will return to Japan in a few days.

The salvage work has been under the efficient control and supervision of Superintendent Mr. S. Tashire and Captain K. Miyazaki, both of whom have had long and special experience in this line of work.

Since the *Asuma Maru* arrived at the spot, the salvage work has been progressing very smoothly but it was very difficult because firstly, the rocks dented the bottom of the vessel and she moved heavily in high swells, and secondly, the steamer listed some degrees on the starboard side and there was much difficulty in pumping out completely the tanks which were all full of water. Moreover, the vessel was stranded in a narrow channel in close proximity to many rocks. The current was very strong and this added to the difficulties of salvage.

A Superintendent of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha from Head Office in Japan visited the scene yesterday.

CURLING.

At the third attempt, the Heart of Midlothian succeeded in winning their way into the second round of the Scottish Cup competition, and they did it in no uncertain manner, defeating Dundee United by six goals to nothing.

BOXING.

By winning the third Test match at the Edinburgh Ice Rink, Scotland regains the Strathcona Cup, which the Canadian curlers won in Canada in 1923. The match was the best since the cup was presented in 1909, and one could scarcely imagine a more closely drawn tussle, or one in which the decision was kept in greater tension. The six Scottish rinks won by 108 shots to 106—a majority of 2.

In Edinburgh, Phil Scott, of London, British heavy-weight boxing champion, beat George Cook, of Australia, in a twenty rounds contest for the heavy-weight championship of the British Empire. Cook being disqualified in the seventeenth round for holding. The fight proved a disappointment, little real boxing being shown, because Cook held continually, and had to be cautioned repeatedly by the referee.

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Hongkong Observatory, March 11th.

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Barometer ...	30.04	30.12	30.09
Temperature ...	75	69	85
Humidity ...	64	83	70
Wind Direction ...	E	E	E
" Force ...	1	4	4
Weather ...	C	O	O
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 10th ... 78
Lowest open-air Temperature on 11th ... 62

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 12th to 18th, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	12	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 39	4 8	2 39	0 7
Satur.	13	8 38	4 8	1 38	0 6
		9 31	4 9	3 12	0 5
Sun.	14	9 18	7 5	2 31	0 5
		10 2	5 1	3 48	0 7
Mon.	15	9 53	7 4	3 21	0 7
		10 34	5 4	4 23	1 0
Tues.	16	10 44	7 0	4 10	1 8
		11 6	6 8	4 57	1 4
Wed.	17	11 39	6 4	4 58	1 7
		11 59	6 7	5 51	1 9
Thur.	18	0 31	5 8	5 47	1 7
		0 13	5 8	6 23	1 8

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

March 10th.

Confucius, Chinese str., 1,583 tons, Capt. A. Lohmeyer, from Saigon, with 3,000 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—Chan Shui Ki.

Kancho, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—B. & S.

Loi Sang, British str., 2,221 tons, Capt. C. W. Falk, from Kobe and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A23.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Song Bo, French str., 730 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—M.M.

March 11th.

Coching, British str., 1,100 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Empress of Canada, British str., 21,517 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., from Vancouver, B.C., which port she left on February 20th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.R.

Osaka Maru, Japanese str., 2,192 tons, Capt. S. Kozumi, from Moji, with 230 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Saba Maru, Japanese str., 3,628 tons, Capt. Takasaki Sonoyama, from Kure, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Toshiba, French str., 846 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—M.M.

CLEARANCES.

March 11th.

Empress of Canada, for Tientsin.

Kancho, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Osaka Maru, for Cebu.

Saba Maru, for Singapore.

Song Bo, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Toshiba, for Kwang Chow Wan.

West O'Brien, for Kobe.

Vesta Maru, for Takao.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

For R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, on March 11th.—For Hongkong: Mr. J. A. Alf, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kaiser, Mr. H. C. Parker, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. F. Ehrhardt, Mr. J. E. Hargreaves, Mr. G. Hogg, Mr. T. Hunter, Mr. C. Rhodes, Mr. D. W. Kwok, Mr. T. C. Kwong, Mr. H. Y. Lai, Mr. Shao Ning Lin, Mr. A. Mozhigah, Mr. H. M. Savidah, Mr. S. F. Tsai, Mr. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis and two children, Mr. J. Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Stewart and two children, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Volkoff, Mr. L. Menendez, Mr. and Mrs. R. Phillips and three children, Mr. B. M. Pagh, Mr. L. Polo, Mr. Jung Sing Lai, Mr. Bin Foon Ng, Mr. C. M. Jackson, Miss Azevedo, Mr. R. O. Hall, Mr. T. Z. Kao, Mr. S. K. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Newman, Miss Newman, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. S. Mai, Mr. Y. L. Ou, Mr. M. C. Su and child, Mr. S. C. Tong, Mr. W. C. Wong and Mrs. K. L. Wong and infant.

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong last night: *Varcken*, *Saba Maru*, *Shimo Maru*, *Osaka Maru*, *Kancho*, *Vancouver*, *Kobe Maru*, *Round*, *President Wilson*, *Garlin*, *Prinz*, *Argus*, *Langshan*, *Saba Maru*, *Oostark*, *Talma*, *Jeyapore*, *Corona*, *Linan*, *West O'Brien*, *Glendifer*, *Chakong*, *Hwang*, *Tipton*, *Tialak*, *Kotsu Maru*, *Takada*, *Sarpidon*, *President Grant*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The *Empress of Australia*, from Hongkong on February 19th, arrived at Vancouver on March 10th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Kobe yesterday at 9 a.m., was to leave Kobe at 6 p.m., and is due at Yokohama to-day (March 13th), at 2 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Arifura (E. & A.), due to-day.

Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due March 25th.

Guélie Prince, due to-day.

Kancho (P. & O.), due to-day, about 6 a.m.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR MARCH, 1926.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
March 12th	6.36 a.m.	6.32 p.m.
" 13th	6.35 "	6.32 "
" 14th	6.34 "	6.32 "
" 15th	6.33 "	6.33 "
" 16th	6.32 "	6.33 "
" 17th	6.32 "	6.33 "
" 18th	6.31 "	6.33 "
" 19th	6.29 "	6.34 "
" 20th	6.28 "	6.34 "
" 21st	6.27 "	6.35 "
" 22nd	6.26 "	6.35 "
" 23rd	6.25 "	6.36 "
" 24th	6.24 "	6.36 "
" 25th	6.23 "	6.36 "
" 26th	6.22 "	6.37 "
" 27th	6.21 "	6.37 "
" 28th	6.20 "	6.37 "
" 29th	6.19 "	6.37 "
" 30th	6.18 "	6.38 "
" 31st	6.18 "	6.38 "

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 84, of which 23 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were eight arrivals, viz., four British, one French, two Japanese and one Chinese. Departures over the same period came to sixteen, six for Shanghai, three for Singapore, one for Saigon, one for Batavia, one for Manila, one for Kwang Chow Wan, one for Haiphong, one for Bangkok and one for K'chang, with clearances two.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong 7,437 tons.
For ports beyond 14,933 "

Total 22,370 "

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Wednesday).

For Hongkong 3,424 tons.
For ports beyond 13,964 "

Total 17,388 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 2,714 tons were carried in British vessels. The heaviest entry was 3,000 tons by a British vessel, the next best being 1,152 by a British vessel. Another British steamer made an entry of over one thousand tons; while there was a similar entry by the French arrival.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:

City of Singapore (British) from Bremen and Singapore with 110 tons of general cargo, mail and 7,300 tons for ports beyond;

Kancho (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 1,220 tons of general cargo and mail;

Ship Ning (British) from Tientsin and Weihaiwei with 1,152 tons of general cargo;

Loi Sang (British) from Kobe and Amoy with 332 tons of general cargo and 370 tons for ports beyond;

Song Bo (French) from Haiphong and Fort Bayard with 1,130 tons of general cargo and mail;

Osaka Maru (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji with 230 tons of canned goods, cotton goods, blotting paper and general merchandise, mail and 3,165 tons of porcelain, glassware, canned goods and general cargo for ports beyond;

Saba Maru (Japanese) with 365 tons of general cargo, mail and 4,197 tons for ports beyond;

Confucius (Chinese) with 3,000 tons of general cargo.

Later arrivals, too late for entry in the above returns, including the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* from Vancouver via Japan ports and Shanghai with 538 tons of general cargo, mail and 95 tons for Manila.

SHIPPING NOTES.

At the Marine Court yesterday, Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (the Marine Magistrate) imposed a stiff fine on a junk master, who had failed to renew his licence. The defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined \$65, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour.

At the same Court, two junk masters were fined \$20, or two weeks' hard labour in default, for using their fishing junks to carry cargo, this being in contravention to their licences. A launch master was also fined \$10, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour, for being under way without a certificated engineer on board.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,074, of which 923 were carried by the British s.s. *Loi Sang* from Kobe and Amoy.

Owing to the outbreak of hostilities in the North, the sailings of the China Navigation Company's steamers at Tientsin have been suspended.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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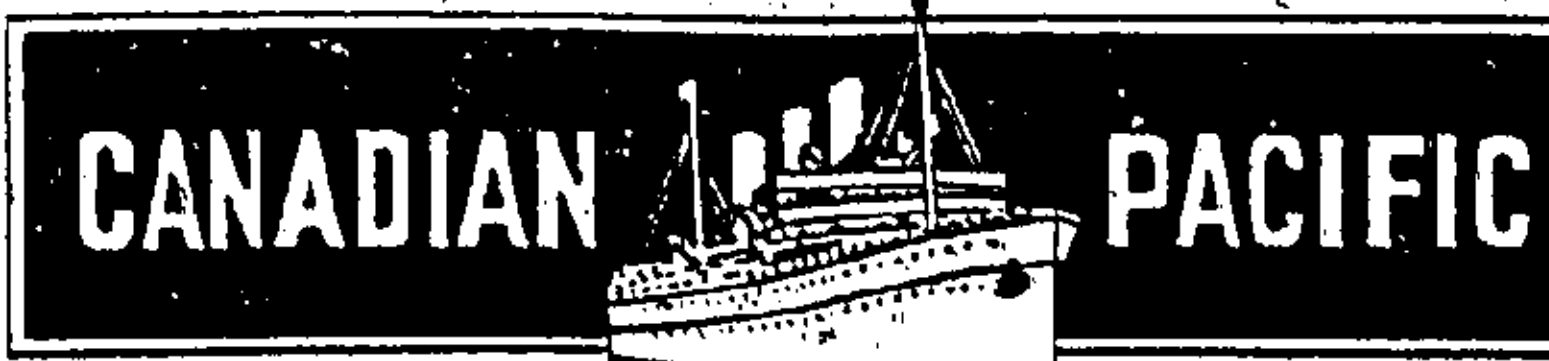
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SHINYO MARU Friday, 12th Mar.

MIYU MARU Tuesday, 16th Mar.

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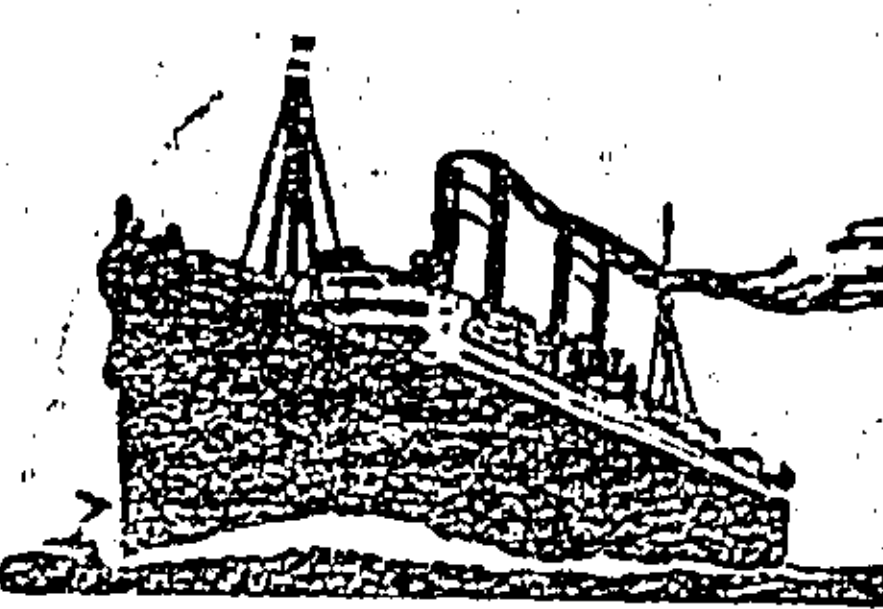
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